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SUBJECT: OAU COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING, TRIPOLI,
FEBRUARY 20 - 28

1. REGULAR WINTER SESSION OF THE OAU COUNCIL OF MINISTERS
OPENS FEBRUARY 20 IN TRIPOLI. THIS MEETING IS NORMALLY
DEVOTED TO BUDGETARY AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, BUT
GIVEN THE CURRENT SPATE OF INTRA-AFRICAN CONFLICTS AND
DISPUTES, WE WOULD EXPECT THAT POLITICAL ISSUES WOULD
ALSO SURFACE.
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2. OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO AF AND OTHER DEPARTMENT
OFFICES CONCERNED WITH MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS ARE THE FOL-
LOWING ISSUES:

-- THE ETHIOPIA-SOMALIA CONFLICT, IN PARTICULAR ANY ACTION

BY ETHIOPIA AND OTHERS TO PUSH A RESOLUTION OR STATEMENT
CONDEMNING OUTSIDE (READ WESTERN) INTERVENTION IN THAT
CONFLICT, AND OAU MEDIATION EFFORTS.

-- THE CHAD-LIBYA BORDER DISPUTE AND ANY NEW MOVES TO
BRING THE TWO SIDES TO THE NEGOTIATING TABLE.

-- WESTERN SAHARA: THE PROGNOSIS FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY
OAU SUMMIT, TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR LATE MARCH IN

LIBREVILLE.

-- SOUTHERN AFRICA: ANY INDICATIONS OF SHIFTING OAU AT-
TITUDES TOWARD THE US-UK INITIATIVES VIS A VIS RHODESIA
AND THE FIVE POWER EFFORTS ON NAMIBIA.

-- NORTH-SOUTH ECONOMIC ISSUES, IN PARTICULAR INDICATIONS
THAT AFRICANS WHO WERE INSTRUMENTAL IN CALLING FOR ADJOURN-
MENT OF COMMON FUND NEGOTIATIONS LAST YEAR IN GENEVA
MAY WISH TO CALL FOR A RESUMPTION.

-- AFRICAN VIEWS ON THE UP-COMING NON-ALIGNED MEETINGS IN
KABUL AND BELGRADE.

-- EFFORTS TO MOVE OAU HEADQUARTERS FROM ADDIS ABABA
OR TO REPLACE CURRENT OAU SEC GEN ETEKI.

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-- HUMAN RIGHTS: AFRICAN ATTITUDES TOWARD UN HUMAN RIGHTS
COMMISSION TREATMENT OF UGANDA SITUATION; THE PROPOSAL
TO ESTABLISH UN HIGH COMMISSION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS; A
ANY MOVEMENTS TOWARD CREATION OF AN AFRICAN HUMAN RIGHTS
COMMISSION.

-- AFRO-ARAB RELATIONS: IN PARTICULAR ANY INDICATIONS
OF AFRICAN IRRITATION WITH ARAB SINGLE-MINDED INJECTION
OF MIDDLE EAST ISSUES INTO DEBATE ON MATTERS OF MAJOR
CONCERN TO AFRICANS AT INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS.

-- ANY DISCUSSION OF EXTRA-CONTINENTAL MILITARY INTER-
VENTION (E.G. FRANCE IN MAURITANIA, USSR/CUBA IN THE HORN).
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